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# WENDY'S WORLD

Wendy Carnegie,

As everyone knows, the groundhog saw his shadow February 2, so we will have an early spring. I hope that means that March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb with spring thriving. The Vernal Equinox (First Day of Spring) is on the March 20 this year.

March has a lot of observances. It celebrates International Women's Month, Universal Women's Week (8-14), and International Women's Day (8). Frank, NanoDays are 3-23 to 4-1. The Iditarod begins on the 4th in Anchorage, Alaska. The Peace Corp Birthday is on the 6th. The 8th is Organize Your Home Office--one day I really should observe! The 9th is Barbie Day and then Ken Day is the 13th. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, the 11th. Girl Scout Sunday is the 11th which begins Girl Scout Week and the 12th is the Girl Scout Birthday. The 11th is also Johnny Appleseed Day. The 14th is Potato Chip Day and Pi Day. On the 15th the buzzards return to Hinckly, Ohio. Don't forget St. Patricks Day on the 17th. On the 19th the Swallows return to San Juan Capistrano. The 20th brings Proposal Day and National Kiss Your fiancee Day, and of course, the First Day of Spring. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is on the 21st. A day we really need, National Common Courtesy Day is on the 21st. Make Up Your Own Holiday Day is the 26th.

Again, don't forget that CultureQuest XXIII will take place on Sunday, April 29, 2012. For our newer members, CultureQuest is a trivia buff competition. It is timed (90 minutes) and taken at the same time across the nation. We usually have 2 teams (5 members on each team), but can have more if there is enough interest. You trivia buffs save the date and encourage others to join in. Contact Frank Dolinar, LocSec if interested.

Do you have old eyeglasses that are collecting dust? Don't know what to do with them? Well, here's a solution. Joanne Sullivan is collecting old eyeglasses and hearing aids. She is going to turn them over to the Lions Club. The Lions Club remakes them and takes them on missions to less fortunate places and people. Contact her at: 802 Searles Estates Dr., St. Johns, MI, 48879; phone 989-906-3521; and email bjosull@hotmail.com .

Till next month...



# Frankly Speaking

by Frank Dolinar, LocSec

April – the rainy season in Michigan. It also brings Easter, Passover, and other celebrations of Spring. There's also World Health Day (7th), Arbor Day (27th), Earth Day (22nd)... and the occasional blue sky. Imagine that.

Of course, the IRS won't let any of us forget Tax Day (15th).

Years ago, on the occasion of the first Earth Day, I attended a presentation on an evening when the weather delivered a serious rain. It wasn't a thunderstorm exactly. There wasn't much lightning, thunder, or wind, but there was water aplenty falling from the sky. The speaker for that particular presentation, a gentleman named Dan McCracken (assuming my memory of the event is still valid), had drawn a very full room. He looked at the people in his audience, thanked them for coming out on such a occasion, and observed that "rain is part of the environment too". A perfect Earth Day commentary.

Earth Day and Arbor Day see many of us addressing the needs of our yards, gardens, and landscapes. Humans tend gardens, but it's not possible to make demands of them… "You, roses! That should be a brighter yellow. See to it." Didn't work for the Red Queen either.

As you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter we have a chance of earning a bit of money for our treasury – specifically for the Scholarship Fund – by staffing a concession at LugNuts baseball games. We need 10 people for each game to commit their time. If you can possibly manage it, please volunteer.

We're working on some other possibilities, too. If you have any ideas or insights to offer, everyone on the steering committee interested in hearing from you.

There are things in our lives that we can't control, despite our best wishes or attempts – weather being a prime example. On the other hand, there are things within our ability to affect and in some cases direct. Of the latter category, each case usually hinges on a conscious decision to get involved.

It's your Mensa.
Be part of it.

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# reMARK, March 2012

Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

Thank you to all who volunteered to represent Region 3 on the National Nominating Committee. Because there were more than three of you, I held an election. LocSecs in our wonderful region selected Joel Anderson of Western Michigan Mensa, Lori Balster of Dayton Area Mensa and Katie Weihl of Kentuckiana Mensa as our representatives. They will be seeking candidates for Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Region 3 Vice Chair. Do let them know if you are interested in one of the positions. If you are interested in RVC3 and have questions, please contact me. I'm happy to share with you what the position entails. And, on the National Website there are handbooks addressing each of the positions on the AMC. Check them out.

Hopefully, while reading this you are attending Dayton Area Mensa's 25th RG or you have just had the time of your life there. I'm at the American Mensa Committee Meeting in Dallas.

Your next opportunity for the time of your life is to join me as I have already registered for and hope you will register now for SEMMantics XXXIII RG, May 4 – 6, 2012, to be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48335, (248) 477-7800. Registration: $75 – through 4/15/2012, $45 – Friday Only, $50 – Saturday Only, $85 – Weekend at the Door, Children 5 - under 18 – 1/2 price, Children under 5 – free. Send your registration checks (made out to SEMMantics) to Larry Arbanas, 24565 Glen Orchard Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1725.

And, now for a plug for Mensa's Annual Gathering. Do register now for a fabulous time in Reno, Nevada. The website for the AG is: http://www.ag2012.us.mensa.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home14
I hope to see before then, but, if our paths do not cross before, then I hope to see you there.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

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# Math Puzzle

Bob Henderson

In the distant realm of Mathlandia everything is described by numbers that follow simple numerical operations, even the weather! For example, a hailstone forms when a seed number representing its altitude appears in a cloud. Updrafts and downdrafts change this value over regular time intervals in a predictable way depending only on its previous value, ending when it reaches the ground (altitude = 1). The history of one hailstone's altitude starts 27, 82, 41, 124, 62, 31, 94, 47, 142, 71, 214. . . Can you guess how long will it take to reach the ground? Can a hailstone form that will never reach the ground?

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# SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN MENSA REGIONAL GATHERING

Join us!

## SEMMantics XXXIII



May 4, 2012 – May 6, 2012

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites
37529 Grand River Avenue
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Call (248) 477-7800 for reservations
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**I would like to volunteer for:**
**____hospitality _____speaker helper _____registration _____contacting people before the RG _____other**

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2012
Wendy Carnegie Scribe

PRESENT: Elizabeth Evangelista, John Garrison, Deborah Frank, Wendy Carnegie, and Frank Dolinar.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Dolinar at 7:12 p.m.

There are no minutes for April as the meeting was cancelled.

## OLD BUSINESS

Wendy stated that she still needs to finish updating the bylaws. She also reported on the car wash. The owner of the car wash would print about 250 tickets. We would then sell them for $11.00 each. When we've finished selling the tickets, the money would be counted, the price of the ticket printing would be subtracted by the car wash and we would split the remainder. The amount of money we could make depends on how many tickets. After discussion, it was decided that Wendy should find out if the car was is outside only or inside and outside. She will report back.

John reported that he has not heard from the Lugnuts yet. He has called several times and left messages, but no one has responded. John also reported that he has all the paperwork for Texas Hold'em and just needs to refile them. John also reported that the Seder on April 6 is progressing well. He has the programs finished. AT this time he has 12 confirmed reservations. Dead line for reservations is Monday, April 1. For those adults with small appetites a child's plate can be ordered.

Elizabeth brought up the subject of the scholarship fund. At this time it set $1,000, which is 1/3 of our cash. After discussion, the committee decided that with our low cash situation and the state of the economy it would be best if we cut the scholarship budget for this year to $500. As our cash flow and the economy improve, we can readjust the amount. John made the motion with Wendy seconding it: motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

It is election time! It was suggested that Gail Wolfe be asked to be the Nominating Chair as she has done it before. Frank, John, and Deborah

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# Steering Committee Minutes--Continued

are finishing their terms this year. Wendy, Elizabeth, and Eileen have another year to serve.

Culture Quest is April 29, this year. Frank said he would captain a team and try to get someone the captain a second team. Wendy volunteered her home for the event.

Elizabeth said that La Senorita works with community groups for fund-raisers. We would pass out certificates to family and friends and anyone else you can find. We would choose a day to hold event. The people that have the certificates would come to La Senorita that day. All certificates turned in to La Senorita on the day specified will be totaled and the amount spent by each certificate holder will be totaled. The total amount spent would then be divided between La Senorita and Mid-Michigan Mensa. John reported that Fazoli's has a similar program. He will check on it. Following discussion, the Steering Committee agreed to do this. Elizabeth will schedule the date.

Wendy said that we used to set up a booth in the malls to promote us. We can get materials from American Mensa to pass out. Wendy will check on this.

Deborah asked to be relieved as Membership Chair due to time constraints. John offered to fill the position.

A motion was made by Deborah and seconded by Elizabeth to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

# ONE UPMANSHIP

By Uncle John

Chocolate Charlie drove around in his car for close to an hour before finally making up his mind about what to do. His best bud, Billy Boy, was always playing tricks on him and Chocolate wanted to get even. He thought today would be the perfect day for it because it was April 1. In essence he wanted to pull the greatest practical joke of all time on Billy Boy on April fool's day. He wanted to best Billy's practical joke from last year.

Billy had hired an exotic dancer and had instructed her to accost Charlie at a most opportune time. She was supposed to follow him around and make a scene when CC didn't expect it. And she had done her job well. Charlie had planned to take his then current girlfriend out to dinner and a movie. He had saved for weeks and had made reservations at a rather expensive restaurant. Charlie and Lulu had arrived at the restaurant promptly at 7:00 PM. They had been seated at a center table almost immediately. Charlie had made the reservations under an assumed name in order to influence the restaurant and he had hoped it would get them a better table. The restaurant was expecting England's Prince William. When Charlie and Lulu showed up management never expected that it wasn't the prince. Thus, the center table was going to be theirs.

After they were seated the fun began. The exotic dancer entered the restaurant wearing a very large faux extended stomach. She looked very pregnant and as if she were about to deliver any time. She waddled up to the center table and started her act. She yelled at Chocolate Charlie about her condition. She screamed loud enough for everyone to hear her wails. She accused Charlie of being the father of her unborn child. She cried that he had abandoned her when he found out that she was pregnant. She told everyone that he wasn't really Prince William that in fact he was a deadbeat who was evicted from his trailer park because he was a convicted child molester. She told them all that Charlie was intending to skip out without paying the dinner bill because that's the worthless slug that he really was. Needless to say, Charlie and Lulu were escorted out to the street. Lulu refused to see Charlie again and that is why she is no longer his current flame. Chocolate had waited an entire year plotting his revenge and today was the day he was going to get it. This was going to be an April fool's day that Billy Boy would never forget.

Billy Boy was in reality William G. McFee. He was the assistant manager at the American National Bank branch on Jefferson Street. Charlie had a good one planned for him. April Fools day was just a bonus.

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# One Upmanship--Continued

At exactly 4:00 pm Charlie walked into Billy's bank. Charlie was wearing a wig and fake glasses with a big nose. He held a replica chocolate gun in his right hand and an empty pillow case in his left. He headed straight towards Billy's desk all the while yelling, "This is a stick up." He could see Billy Boy's face drain itself of color when the fake gun was pointed at him. Billy tried to stand up but his knees were shaking so bad he couldn't move. Charlie was sure that Billy was going to fill his shorts any second. Just seeing Billy's reaction made CC yell even louder. He started to yell "April Fools" but the words never came out of his mouth. Instead a bank guard fired his gun. The 38 slug literally tore through Charlie's head and splattered brains all over Billy's desk and Brooks Brothers suit. Billy lost his lunch but Charlie lost his life. Charlie was right. This was an April first that Billy would never forget.

# APRIL FOOLS QUOTATIONS

1. Tom foolery has nothing to do with Tom.
2. A fool and his money are soon parted.
3. You can fool some of the people some of the time. You can fool all of the people all of the time. But, you can't fool all of the people all of the time.
4. Fools gold will still glitter.
5. Fool me once shame on you. Fool me twice shame on me.
6. There is a fool born every minute.

# Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

John Garrison

March 2012

145 Members

**MENSAversaries**

Congratulations

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| 37 Years | Michael Dorman | 31 Years | R0bert Cool |
| 22 Years | Patricia Thuemmel | 21 Years | Gail Wolfe |
| 8 Years | Gary Gordon | 6 Years | Karen Petersmarck |
| 3 Years | Tom Hunt | 2 Years | Elizabeth Ayoub |
| 2 Years | Gregory Listing | 2 Years | Ian Larson |
| 1 Year | Lynn Brown | | |

**MENSA Birthdays**

Happy Birthday

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| 1 | Joanne Sullivan | 1 | Melissa Gaekel |
| 3 | Robert Anderson | 7 | Randy Robb |
| 11 | Ian Larson | 13 | Phillip LaFata |
| 19 | John Paduch | 20 | Richard Hobria |
| 23 | Roberta McCall | 29 | Virginia Werner |

# Food For Thought

By Barb Ford

Have you ever wondered how the Easter Bunny and the crucifixion of Christ became associated with the same holiday? And why is it called Easter, anyway? The legend below may provide the answer.

Once upon a time, long, long ago in pre-Christian Europe, there was a Goddess named Ostara. She was also known as Eostre. Her task was to warm the Earth after a long winter in order to wake it up and usher in the spring season.

One particularly fine early spring day, a small hare was enjoying the beautiful weather. He loved Eostre, and decided to find a way to express his gratitude to her for bringing forth such a delightful spring day. As he hopped along, munching tender new grass, he happened to come upon a lovely egg. "This is it!" he cried. I will take this perfect egg to Eostre as a gift to show her the joy she has given me." He wanted to make the egg extra special, so he set about decorating it with the lively colors of bright spring flowers. When he presented his decorated egg to Eostre, She was overwhelmed with delight. She proclaimed that the hare would be promoted to immortality, and put in charge of delivering beautiful decorated eggs and special treats to all the children in the land each spring. He was so very proud! He was known ever after as Eostre's Bunny. Today, we spell his name differently, but he is still the same hare.

As for how The Easter Bunny became associated with the Christian holiday? Early Catholic priests felt that incorporating Pagan holidays with Christian holidays would help them show good will and convert the Pagans to Christianity. Thus, "Easter" became a named Christian holiday.

I like a nice story. I also enjoy the gifts from the Easter Bunny. May he live long in our hearts, no matter how many years we live on this lovely planet.

Happy Easter!
Happy Ostara!
Happy Passover!
Happy Spring to all, no matter what your faith is!
Chocolate for everyone!!

# Diabologic: Home Jeeves (part 2)

by Frank Dolinar

A year and a half ago, I wrote an article musing about some future time when it would be possible to have an artificial intelligence (AI) system (aka “robot”) capable of driving cars. I knew the research was ongoing, and had been both before and since the 2005 DARPA Grand Challenge – a test for such autonomously driven cars on a 132-mile route in the Mohave Desert.

What I didn’t know was when these musings would turn into reality.

The transition occurred on March 1, 2012, much sooner than I had expected, when the state of Nevada authorized a limited experiment using Google’s fleet of Toyota Prius cars. According to Singularity Hub ( http://singularityhub.com ), Google had already been using its fleet of Prius cars in California “quasi-legally”, logging about 200,000 miles with them. Google received a patent for its self-driving cars in December.

Nevada is starting from a position of success, and other states have noticed. California will almost certainly be second out of the gate. But it won’t be alone for long. Hawaii, Florida, and Oklahoma are already following suit.

Having a robot-driven vehicle will ultimately be a very good thing for safety on the roads, gas mileage, and reduced stress and fatigue on the highway. I also think that it’s going to be a hard sell. I suspect that for most drivers in the US, letting go of the driving control of their car to an AI will be somewhere between difficult and anathema, mostly because so many people firmly believe they are safe and excellent drivers.

How will human drivers identify cars are being driven by an AI? Apart from visual cues provided by the extra hardware (aka “engineering modifications”), these cars will all sport red license plates – the first issued by Nevada since the 1940s. When and if the experiment successfully concludes and the service is made available to the general public, the red license plates will be replaced with neon green plates.

According to the Red Herring magazine article “Nevada Approves Google’s Self-Driving Robot Cars” (http://www.redherring.com/consumer-electronics/nevada-approves-googles-self-driving-robot-cars/) published on February 24, 2012…

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# Diabologic--Continued

> The cars are designed to prevent traffic accidents. Google argues that computer driven cars can drastically reduce the more than 1.2 million lives lost every year in highway accidents by as much as half.
> "This technology has been a passion of mine for years because it will help save lives, help lots of people who have difficulty driving, and reduce congestion on our roads," Google's Larry Page blogged about the project. "…Using technology to improve safety on our roads will make the world a better place."
> As robots make the roadways safer, cars can also weigh less, reducing fuel consumption.

These cars won't be generally available for years. Probably the most rigorous testing that needs to be completed for general adoption of robot-driven cars will be of the legal system and the related insurances for the "driver".

We're still a long way from R2D2's common sense.

# Answers to Logic Puzzle

Answer: Mensans will recognize this as a simple numerical progression, but with different rules for odd and even numbers: for odd numbers X the next number is 3 X + 1, while for even numbers X the next number is X / 2. The sequence starting with 27 takes 111 steps to reach 1! By contrast, the sequence 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1 takes only 5 steps. It is conjectured that you can apply these rules repeatedly to any positive integer and the resulting sequence will always reach 1, but generations of mathematicians have been unable to prove this! A Mathlandia hailstone will never reach the ground if any number in its altitude sequence repeats itself (other than those in the 1, 4, 2, 1 ground loop). So far, no one has found such a sequence.

# LUGNUTS BASEBALL MEANS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR MMM

John Garrison

It has been a few years since our Scholarship Fund has been in the black. This year there is hope on the horizon that we can again award local scholarships to those who enter our essay contest.

MMM has entered into an agreement with the Lansing Lugnuts Baseball team to operate food concessions at four of their home games this season. We must have at least 10 workers at each game. Admission, lunch and parking is free. We will earn between $350 and $400 per game. All of this money is slated for exclusive use for our scholarship program. A person can work one, two, three or all four games.

The four game dates and our arrival times are as follows:

Friday - April 27 @ 8:30 AM
Tuesday - May 8 @ 8:30 AM
Sunday - July 4 @ 5:00 PM (Fireworks after the game)
Sunday - September 2 @ Noon

Please note the variances between arriving times. The games will start about an hour and a half after we open the booth. Games usually take less than 3 hours.

This is one time Mensa really needs not only your mind but your body too.

Please contact John Garrison (517) 349-7313 or Wendy Carnegie (517) 339-1448 for more info or to sign up.

# Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day!

## You Gotta love this Judge!

You must read this.....a proper decision by the courts...for a change!

## FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY

In Florida , an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before the judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring,"Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays.."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned!"

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

# A SEDER FOR PASSOVER

John Garrison

Friday the 6th of April will be a special day for Mid-Michigan Mensa. We will have our TG at Brannigan Brothers Restaurant located at 210 S. Washington Ave. in downtown Lansing. This will be a themed dinner dedicated to Passover. You need not be Jewish to attend. All members, family, spouses, significant others, friends etc are invited. The cost for the Seder service and a complete multi course dinner is included in the $20.00 charge for adults and $12.50 for children. Remember that this includes the service and dinner. Taxes and tip are also included. The meal will not be kosher but will be kosher style. (Brannigans does not have a kosher kitchen) Everything will be home made and cooked on the premises. The proposed menu is as follows:

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| Matzo Ball soup | Assorted Veggies |
| Salad | Tsimmis |
| Gefilte Fish (horse radish optional) | Kugel |
| Broasted Chicken | Matzo |

Wine and Beverages

Advance registration and reservations are required. You can prepay or pay at the door but we must have a head count. Please contact John Garrison for more information @ 349-7313 or MidMIMensa@aol.com by Monday April 2, 2012 to guarantee your place at the table. Seating may be limited.

# April 2012 Calendar

Fri. April 6 — **TGIF: SEDER DINNER:** Brannigan Brothers Restaurant, 210 S. Washington, Lansing. $20/adults, $12.50/child; reservations by Monday, April 2, to John Garrison 349-7313 or MidMensa@aol.com. See article on page 12 for details.

Fri. April 13 — **TGIF: DELHI CAFE:** 4625 Willoughby Rd., Holt
**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:** After dinner.

Fri. April 20 — **TGIF:** Gourmet Village, 4790 S. Hagadorn, E. Lansing. In the Hannah Plaza. Chinese food.
**SPEAKER:** Harold Mondol will speak on "The Viet Nam Veterans Restorative Project". Join us for dinner or at about 6:45 to enjoy the Speaker.

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# April 2012 Calendar--Continued

Fri. April 27 **LUGNUTS:** To benefit our Scholarship fund! We will be working the concession stand for the 10:00 AM game. Be at the Lugnuts stadium at 8:30 Am to volunteer. Wear a white shirt (polo style) and khaki pants, shorts or skirt.

Fri., April 27 **TGIF: CLARA'S LANSING STATION:** 6307 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Sun. April 29 **CULTURE QUEST:** Join us as we laugh about how many questions we can't answer in this nation-wide Mensa Trivia contest. Meet at the home of Wendy Carnegie, 7515 S. Crystal Cove, Haslett, at 2:30 PM. (Look for the American Flag behind and beneath the mailbox). The test runs from 4:00-5:30p.m. Munchies available. Contact Frank Dolinar at frank.dolinar@comcast.net or 517-351 1899 to be assigned to a team.

Fri., May 4 **TGIF: DELUCAS:** 2006 W. Willow, Lansing. West of Martin Luther King Blvd. Good Italian food.

Tues. May 8 **LUGNUTS:** Work the concession stand for the 10:00 AM game to benefit the Scholarship Fund! See page for details.

Fri. May 11 **TGIF: OLD GREAT WALL:** 4832 W. Saginaw, Lansing, just east of the Lansing Mall. Chinese buffet.

Fri. May 11 **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:** After dinner at the Old Great Wall.

Sun. May 20 **LITSIG:** Meet at the home of Elizabeth Evangelista, 5275 E. Hidden Lake Dr., East. Lansing, to discuss *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy. We will watch a the 1948 film version of the story with Vivien Leigh and Kieron Moore at about 3 PM. Snacks and conversation.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at 6:00 PM, but you're welcome at any time. Come and get acquainted. All members and friends are welcome at the events above. Any member may schedule an event. Please remember: who, what, when, where, and why. The deadline to schedule an event is the 15th of the month before the event. You can contact Elizabeth Evangelista, Calendar Coord., by regular mail: 5275 E. Hidden Lake Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823; by phone: 517-351-3645; or by email:evangel6@comcast.net